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TOPIC Alt Loennewitz Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 25 January 1951, 44 jet fighters with swept-back wings and 3 low-wing monoplanes with radial engines were counted at the Alt Loennewitz (N 5 / 84) airfield. All the aircraft there could not be seen. (1)
2. There was intensive flying in a partly cloudy sky, with a cloud base of approximately 2,000 meters and a visibility of about 4 to 5 km. Jet fighters with swept-back wings made local flights at an altitude of approximately 2,000 meters. They flew from 8:10 to 8:40 a.m., from 9 to 9:40 a.m., from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m., and from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Six more flights were made between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. which lasted from 30 to 40 minutes each. At the same time, the single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines made thirteen take-offs and flew for about 20 to 25 minutes. (2)
3. A radio installation with four metal masts, about 8 to 10 meters high and braced on two sides, was on the southern edge of the field. A wooden hut 2 meters square was in the middle of the masts. Wires led from the masts to the wooden hut. (3)
4. Seven spotlights, about 50 cm in diameter and 75 meters apart, were fitted on wooden poles, 2.5 meters high, in the eastern extension of the runway. At the end of the row of lights was a wooden hut, 4x4x8 meters, and a metal mast, approximately 10 meters high. An antenna led from the mast to the wooden hut. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) A maximum of 36 Mig-15 jet aircraft has been observed at the Alt Loennewitz airfield to date. The number of 44 such aircraft observed is believed possible because of a previous observation that two fighter regiments are stationed at the field. The total number of jet planes in Alt Loennewitz is estimated at a minimum of 70.

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- (2) The flying was confirmed [REDACTED]. The flights were made by two fighter regiments. No flight lasted longer than 40 minutes. The maximum flying time of jet aircraft flying without extra tank and at a normal performance is estimated at about 60 minutes.
- (3) The radio installation, probably an Adcock DF or an approach beam, was [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (4) The radio mast at the end of the row of spotlights is a landing beacon. It was previously [REDACTED] See 25X1A

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